BLITZ PHOENIX

CHAPTER 1: ENTRAPMENT

SEVENTEEN YEARS, HUH? THAT'S A LONG TIME TO BE AWAY FROM HOME.
YES, WELL, WORK KEEPS ME AWAY. IT WILL BE NICE TO SEE MY FAMILY AGAIN.
YEAH, I'LL BET! I CAN'T IMAGINE BEING AWAY FROM THE FAM THAT LONG.
SO SEVENTEEN YEARS GONE AND STILL MARRIED? HOW'D YOU PULL THAT OFF?
WE WORKED OUT A LITTLE DEAL.
FAIR 'NOUGH.
WELL, WE'RE FINALLY HERE! HAVE A NICE NIGHT, MA'AM.

knock knock
WHATEVER YOU'RE SELLING, WE'RE NOT INTERESTED.
TERRY, ARE THOSE REALLY YOUR MANNERS?
LOOKS LIKE YOUR FATHER HASN'T TAUGHT YOU ANYTHING.
YOU HAVEN'T REALLY FORGOTTEN YOUR OWN MOTHER, HAVE YOU?
SLAM!

TERRY! WHO WAS AT THE DOOR?
SOME HARPY WHO THINKS SHE'S MY MOM.
IN OTHER NEWS, THE DOW TOOK ANOTHER PLUNGE TODAY...
YOUR MOTHER?!
ARE YOU SURE? ARE YOU SURE IT'S YOUR MOTHER?
WHAT? I DON'T--
AND SHE SAW YOU?!
...YES?
TERRY, YOU NEED TO GO TO YOUR ROOM. LOCK THE DOOR AND DON'T COME OUT UNTIL I SAY SO.
IF YOU HEAR ANYTHING ODD, CALL THE POLICE.
WANT TO TELL ME WHAT'S GOING ON?
NO.
GO TO YOUR ROOM.

AMANDA! WOW, ARE...
WHAH... WHAT A SURPRISE-
DID YOU *REALLY* THINK I WOULDN'T FIND YOU, DAVID?
I-- WHAT? I DON'T--
DID YOU *REALLY* THINK YOU COULD HIDE FROM ME?
H-NO! I'VE BEEN... GETTING TRANSFERED AROUND AT WORK.
REQUESTED TRANSFERS ACROSS THE COUNTRY AND VOLUNTARY TERMINATION, SOMETIMES LEAVING THE AREA THE VERY NEXT DAY.
D-AHH
I'M ACTUALLY SURPRISED. YOU'RE PRETTY GOOD AT RUNNING.
DO YOU HAVE ANY IDEA HOW MANY RESOURCES I POURED INTO TRACKING YOU DOWN?
AND EVEN NOW, IT LOOKS LIKE I JUST BARELY CAUGHT YOU.
Clothes

WHERE'S TERRY?
HE WENT TO HIS ROOM.
WILL HE STAY THERE?
YES.
GOOD. TO RATHER SPEAK IN PRIVATE FOR NOW.
PLEASE SIT DOWN, DAVID.
LET'S START WITH SOME BASICS...
HOW OLD IS HE?
I WOULD THINK THE BOY'S MOTHER WOULD KNOW THAT.
I'LL WARN YOU ONCE. I'VE SPENT FAR TOO MUCH TIME CHASING YOU TO PLAY ANY MORE GAMES.

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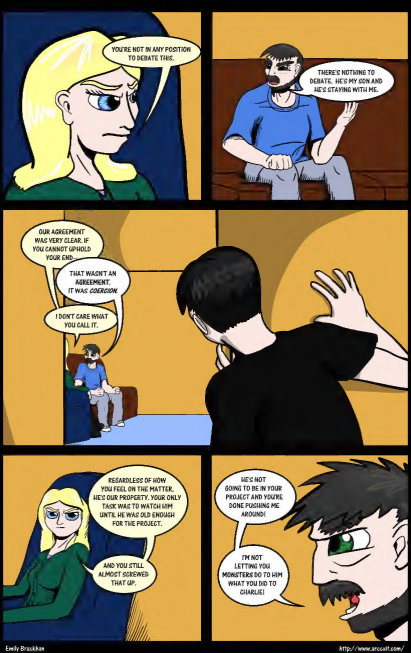
HE'S SIXTEEN.
SIXTEEN. HE'S ALMOST TOO OLD.
IF YOU'D MANAGED TO STAY HIDDEN FOR EVEN ONE MORE YEAR, I COULDN'T USE HIM.
YOU ALMOST COST ME EVERYTHING.
AS PER OUR AGREEMENT, ONCE I'VE TAKEN THE BOY, YOUR DEBTS WILL BE PAID.
YOU'LL NO LONGER BE MONITORED AND CAN LIVE YOUR LIFE AS YOU CHOOSE.
HOWEVER, I CAN STILL SALVAGE THIS MESS. SO CONSIDER YOURSELF FORTUNATE THAT WE WON'T BE PUNISHING YOU FOR YOUR INSUBORDINATION.
WHAT ARE YOU GOING TO DO TO HIM?
THAT'S NO CONCERN OF YOURS.
NO, THAT'S MY ONLY CONCERN.
IF YOU'RE GOING TO HURT HIM, YOU CAN'T TAKE HIM.


YOU'RE NOT IN ANY POSITION TO DEBATE THIS.
THERE'S NOTHING TO DEBATE. HE'S MY SON AND HE'S STAYING WITH ME.
OUR AGREEMENT WAS VERY CLEAR. IF YOU CANNOT UPHOLD YOUR END...
THAT WASN'T AN AGREEMENT. IT WAS COERCION
I DON'T CARE WHAT YOU CALL IT.
REGARDLESS OF HOW YOU FEEL ON THE MATTER. HE'S OUR PROPERTY. YOUR ONLY TASK WAS TO WATCH HIM UNTIL HE WAS OLD ENOUGH FOR THE PROJECT.
AND YOU STILL ALMOST SCREWED THAT UP.
HE'S NOT GOING TO BE IN YOUR PROJECT AND YOU'RE DONE FUCKING ME AROUND!
I'M NOT LETTING YOU MONSTERS DO TO HIM WHAT YOU DID TO CHARLIE!

DID SOMETHING HAPPEN TO CHARLIE?
I THOUGHT YOU SAID HE'D STAY IN HIS ROOM.
DAMN IT, TERRY! GO TO YOUR ROOM!
ACTUALLY, THAT'S ALL RIGHT. WE SHOULD FILL KIM IN.
PLEASE COME IN, TERRY.
YOUR UNCLE CHARLIE IS FINE.
YOUR FATHER AND I HAVE BEEN DISCUSSING A SURPRISE FOR YOU.

HOW WOULD YOU LIKE TO COME LIVE WITH YOUR MOTHER IN FLORIDA?
TERRY!
QUIET!
WELL, TERRY?
WARM WEATHER ALL YEAR AROUND! BEACHES WITH PRETTY GIRLS! AND WE'LL FINALLY BE ABLE TO GET TO KNOW EACH OTHER!
WHAT DO YOU THINK?
NO THANKS.
TERRY, THIS HAS ALREADY BEEN DECIDED.
I CAN. AND I'M NOT GOING ANYWHERE WITH YOU.
WELL THEN, I BELIEVE I'VE OUTSTAYED MY WELCOME. I DON'T EXPECT MY OWN FAMILY TO BE SO HOSTILE, EVEN AFTER ALL THESE YEARS.
PLEASE SHOW ME TO THE DOOR, DAVID.

HE'S QUITE STUBBORN, AND TO RATHER HAVE HIM COMPLACENT
IF YOU HAVEN'T CONVINCED HIM BY TOMORROW, I'LL JUST HAVE TO TAKE HIM AS IS
IF YOU COME BACK, I'LL HAVE YOU ARRESTED.
HA!
THE BOY IS THE ONLY ONE WHO CAN END THIS. DAVID NO LAW ENFORCEMENT CAN PROTECT YOU.
NOW WILL YOU TELL ME WHAT'S GOING ON?
I TOLD YOU TO STAY IN YOUR ROOM.
YOU SHOULD BE GLAD I DIDN'T, SHE WAS WALKING ALL OVER YOU
JUST.
PLEASE JUST GO TO BED, TERRY
OH SORRY I'D COMPLETELY FORGOTTEN ABOUT YOUR OBSESSION WITH KEEPING SECRETS FROM ME
MY DAD

Wallet
SLAM!

THE NEXT DAY...
...AND IT SOUNDED LIKE A LOT MORE WAS GOING ON, BUT THEY WOULDN'T TELL ME ANYTHING
SO YOU'VE NEVER MET YOUR MOM BEFORE?
NOPE.
WEIRD. MAYBE SHE'S CRAZY OR SOMETHING
EH, MAYBE? SHE KIND OF SOUNDED LIKE IT
WELL, DO YOU WANT TO COME OVER? LUKE AND I WERE GOING TO GO SEE A MOVIE
I CAN'T, I'M PACKING
PACKING? FOR WHAT?
I ALREADY TOLD YOU, WE'RE MOVING TO MISSOURI IN A COUPLE DAYS
AWESOMEBOY? YOU NEVER SAID THAT!
YOU'VE ONLY BEEN LIVING HERE A FEW MONTHS!
YEAH, I KNOW
ALL THE MORE REASON TO COME SEE THE MOVIE! WE ONLY GOT SO MUCH TIME!
GOOD POINT. ALL RIGHT, I'LL GO.
I'LL TELL LUKE TO PICK YOU UP. HIS PARENTS JUST GOT HIM A CAR.
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WHERE ARE YOU GOING?
TO HANG OUT WITH MY FRIENDS
THAT'S NOT A GOOD IDEA RIGHT NOW
WHY?
HM.. WORRIED AMANDA MIGHT COME AFTER YOU
PSH. I CAN TAKE HER
THIS ISN'T A JOKE.
UNLESS YOU WANT TO TELL ME WHAT'S GOING ON, I DON'T CARE.
TERRY, I REALLY NEED YOU TO LISTEN. JUST STAY HOME AND-
NO, YOU LISTEN! YOU'RE ALWAYS MOVING US AROUND THE COUNTRY AND I CAN'T KEEP ANY OF MY FRIENDS AND YOU WON'T EVEN TELL ME WHY!

I'M TRYING TO KEEP YOU SAFE!
FROM WHAT? THAT JOHNNY WOMAN?
THERE'S A LOT GOING ON THAT YOU
THAT YOU WON'T TELL ME ABOUT! AND I'VE HAD IT!
WAIT!
THIS IS FOR YOUR OWN GOOD. NOW COME BACK INSIDE!
HEY! LET GO!
WOAH, WHAT'S GOING ON?

WHMP!

SORRY MR. BREWER!
GET IN THE CAR, TERRY!
FMP

VRRMMM

OKAY, SERIOUSLY. PUNCHING MY DAD? NOT COOL.

I DON'T HIT HIM THAT HARD.
HE'S FINE. AND FROM WHAT YOU SAID ON THE PHONE, HE KIND OF DESERVED IT.

UGH.
MAYBE I SHOULD HAVE TAKEN THAT OFFER.
FUNNY.
DR. BREYKEN SAID THE SAME THING JUST BEFORE SHE DIED HERE.

LATER
WELL THAT SUCKED. THAT MOVIE WAS COMPLETELY FAKE
NO SHIT, IT'S A MOVIE.
NO, I MEAN THAT COULD NEVER HAPPEN IN REAL LIFE! WAY TOO MUCH OF THAT DIDN'T MAKE SENSE.
WHAT PART OF "IT'S A MOVIE" DON'T YOU GET, DUDE?
WHATEVER. I LIKE MY MOVIES TO AT LEAST SEEM BELIEVABLE.
WELL I'M SORRY YOU WERE EXPECTING A DOCUMENTARY ABOUT REAL BODY-SNATCHING ALIENS.
IT WOULD BE NICE TO KNOW WHAT TO DO IF THAT EVER HAPPENS, YOU KNOW?
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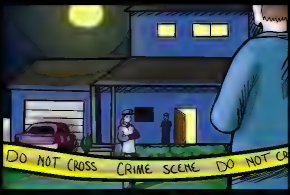
SO HOW PISSED DO YOU THINK YOUR DAD IS?
OH CRAP - FORGOT ABOUT HIM
MAYBE A GOOD PUNCH WAS JUST WHAT HE NEEDED!
I MIGHT HAVE KNOCKED SOME SENSE INTO HIM
SO YEAH, YOU'RE WELCOME
I DOUBT THAT HE'S BEEN LIKE THIS FOR ABOUT SIX YEARS
HE USED TO BE A REALLY COOL DAD BUT HE GOT SUPER PARANOID AND STARTED MOVING US AROUND ALL THE TIME
I CAN'T DO ANYTHING WITHOUT HIM FREAKING OUT SO WE DON'T REALLY GET ALONG ANYMORE
WELL...IF HE GIVES YOU A HARD TIME, YOU CAN CRASH AT MY PLACE TONIGHT
WOULD YOU?
THAT SOUNDS GOOD THANKS
ANYTIME!

I'LL JUST BE A SEC. HOLD ON.
SURE.
DAD? I'M HOME!
KIDS... KINDA OF DARK.
THAT'S WEIRD. I'M SURE I SAW HIS CAR OUTSIDE
MAYBE HE WENT TO BED EARLY?
HE NEVER DOES THAT THOUGH.
HELLOoooo?
YOU HOME, DAD?
YOU AWA

DAD?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OFFICER LARSON, I WILL SURELY
YES?
I'M AMANDA BRENNEN. I JUST SPOKE TO YOU OVER THE PHONE.

AH, RIGHT. I'M SO SORRY, MA'AM. IT LOOKS LIKE A SUICIDE.
CUT HIS OWN THROAT WITH A KNIFE
OH GOD.

WHERE CAN I GO? IS HE ALL RIGHT?

HE'S NOT HURT. HE CALLED US ABOUT FORTY MINUTES AGO WHEN HE FOUND THE BODY
HE'S IN HIS BEDROOM.

I HAVE A FEW QUESTIONS FOR YOU, FIRST
OF COURSE.

YOU GUYS DON'T THINK THIS IS BECAUSE I PUNCHED HIM, DO YOU?
NO PEOPLE DON'T KILL THEMSELVES OVER GETTING PUNCHED ONCE.
Dear God
THEN WHY'D HE DO IT?
SHUT UP, LUKE. YOU'RE JUST MAKING IT WORSE.
BUT WHAT IF THEY THINK HE'S DEAD BECAUSE OF ME?
THIS IS FREAKING ME OUT!
FREAKING YOU OUT? YOU SELF-CENTERED PIECE OF SHIT!
SORRY TERRY, I DIDN'T MEAN-
I DON'T WANT TO HEAR IT!
GET OUT!

TERRY?
YOU!
WHAT DID YOU DO TO MY DAD?!
WHAT? ARE YOU
YOU DID THIS. I KNOW YOU DID!
CALM DOWN, KID!
LET GO! SHE KILLED HIM!
I KNOW THIS ISN'T EASY FOR YOU, BUT YOU NEED TO STAY CALM. YOUR DAD TOOK HIS OWN LIFE.
NO HE DIDN'T.
ALL THE EVIDENCE POINTS TO SUICIDE AND THERE'S NO SIGNS OF FOUL PLAY.
THIS CASE IS AS BLACK AND WHITE AS IT GETS.
THAT JUST...
CAN'T BE TRUE.

LOOK TERRY, I KNOW THIS ISN'T EASY FOR YOU, AND I WISH WE DIDN'T HAVE TO LEAVE SO SOON--
WS?
YES. YOU'RE COMING WITH ME.
NO!
I'M GOING TO CALL SOMEONE TO SET UP THE FUNERAL. BUT I'M ON A VERY TIGHT SCHEDULE AND WE HAVE TO BE GOING.
I'M SORRY, BUT WE WON'T BE ABLE TO STAY FOR IT.
I'M NOT GOING WITH YOU!
SLAM
ALL RIGHT BOYS, YOU TWO NEED TO GET HOME.
BUT--
CRIME SCENE!
YELLOW TAPE!
OUT, OUT!
WE'RE GOING! SHEESH!

LOCK
CLICK
CLICK

WHOA THERE, CHAMP! YOU NEED TO STAY PUT!

PLUNK

YOUR MOM WOULD HAVE MY HEAD IF YOU RAN OFF.

LET GO!
MM, NAH. CAN'T DO THAT, KID.

LET'S HEAD BACK TO YOUR ROOM, NIGHT?

NOW KEEP YER KEESTER IN HERE AND BE GOOD, OKAY?
TRTCH
SLM
FUCK...
CLICK
THIS CAN'T BE HAPPENING...